

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11 have been amended. Support for the Amendments to these claims can be found at page 7 of the Specification.

Claims 1-8 and 10-13 are now pending and under consideration.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-8 AND 10-13 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER ROBERTSON ET AL. (US PATENT NO. 6,659,799; HEREINAFTER "ROBERTSON") IN VIEW OF VAN HUBEN ET AL. (US PATENT NO. 5,950,201; HEREINAFTER "VAN HUBEN"):

Please note that claim 1 has been amended to recite a server apparatus for controlling the transit of information relative to a noise countermeasure, comprising "...noise countermeasure list information generating means for generating noise countermeasure list information based on said registered noise countermeasure information and said circuit information, the generated noise countermeasure list information including a plurality of noise countermeasure processes and transmitting the generated noise countermeasure list information to said user terminal...[and] noise countermeasure information determining means for determining noise countermeasure information based on one of the noise countermeasure processes selected by the user from said noise countermeasure list information, and transmitting the determined noise countermeasure information as selected by the user to said user terminal."

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Robertson fails to disclose "noise countermeasure information". However, the Examiner asserts that Van Huben discloses this feature.

Specifically, the Examiner assumes that the "noise analysis" disclosed at column 17, lines 58-64 of Van Huben is comparable to the "noise countermeasure information" as recited in the claimed invention.

However, it is respectfully submitted that Van Huben does not disclose "generating noise countermeasure list information based on said registered noise countermeasure information and said circuit information, the generated noise countermeasure list information including a plurality of noise countermeasure processes, and transmitting the generated noise countermeasure list information to said user terminal," as recited in amended claim 1. Nor does Van Huben disclose "determining noise countermeasure information based on one of the noise countermeasure

processes selected by the user from the noise countermeasure list information, as recited in amended claim 1.

That is, in the claimed invention, a user is able to select one noise countermeasure process from a plurality of noise countermeasure processes available, as mentioned at page 2 of the Specification.

Van Huben merely discloses a design control system for use in connection with the design of integrated circuits capable of tracking components of a model including simulation, timing, and noise analysis (see column 17, lines 63-64).

Although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding differences of various other rejected claims over the cited reference. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

Accordingly, claims 1-8 and 10-13 patentably distinguish over Robertson in view of Van Huben. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

II. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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